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1. [redacted] the total Soviet military strength in Hungary, as of December 1950, to be four divisions. One of them [redacted], is located in the Kármend area. 50X1-HUM
2. It was reported on 31 October 1950 that a Soviet division, fully equipped, was transferred by train from Poland to Hungary through central Slovakia. It entered Slovakia through the Cadca station and Hungary through the Parkan station.
3. On 13 November 1950 a Soviet armored division, complete with mobile repair units, supply trucks, and tank trucks left Szeged for Timisoara, Rumania.
4. Air movements of war materiel and parachute troops to Albania through Budapest continued during November. On 15 November it was reported that the 16th Soviet Airborne Division* has been transferred to Veszprem and Papa, from where it is to proceed to Albania.
5. During October many rail convoys passed through Budapest carrying war materiel and Soviet troops toward the Yugoslav frontier. The movements were chiefly during the night. On 13 November a large number of empty buses and trucks were noticed passing along the Budapest-Belgrade super highway, headed in the direction of Szeged. The trucks (autocarri) were of Russian and American make, the buses (torpedoni) of Hungarian manufacture. On 22 November it was reported that the rail station at Szob, on the Czech border, was to be closed to civilian traffic for a two-week period for military reasons. Heavy troop, tank, munitions, and artillery traffic was noticed. The trains appeared to be heading in the direction of the Yugoslav frontier.
6. [redacted] on 10 November between four and five thousand partisans 50X1-HUM (Russians, Ukrainians, Poles) passed through Budapest wearing civilian clothes and partisan berets. They carried the newest model Hungarian submachine guns (Mitra), ammunition belts, mess kits, canteens, blankets, and raincoats.
7. Beginning on 2 November about 500 vehicles of three tons each, loaded with war materiel and clothing, left Budapest and headed toward the Matra and Bulck mountains. The materiel was shipped from trans-Danube and Budapest warehouses.

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8. The following other military movements took place within Hungary during October and November.
- a. On 6 October a large consignment of Hungarian grain was observed being transported to the Soviet Union under a convoy made up of Russian and Hungarian troops.
 - b. A Soviet unit of about 500 men and 40 tanks arrived in Szombathely from Veszprem in October.
 - c. A convoy of 46 railroad cars was observed at the Balatonfured station (Y5/D66) going from Veszprem toward Keszthely during October. Twenty-two self-propelled guns and 24 trucks were also observed.
 - d. Two days after this movement another convoy of nine railroad cars, presumably carrying JS tanks, and seven cars each carrying two tanks of an undetermined type, were observed at Keszthely station.
 - e. Approximately 18 tanks and six or eight trucks were unloaded from a Soviet convoy at Tapolca station in October.
 - f. Soviet and Hungarian planes unloaded troops at the Budaors Airport, Budapest, in October.
 - g. During the night of 4 November intense rail traffic was observed in northern Hungary.
 - h. On 4 November a Soviet infantry unit was loaded on a train of 20 cars at Pecs.
 - i. On 21 November a Soviet armored unit arrived at Szolnok by rail from Budapest. T-34 tanks and several anti-tank guns were loaded on the 30-car convoy at Szolnok.

9. [] the Russians are now putting greater emphasis on the training of Satellite troops. They have speeded up training and are equipping them fully with Russian equipment.

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10. [] a Soviet division is stationed in Czechoslovakia.

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* [] Comments: No Soviet airborne divisions have as yet been identified

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